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VIA ECFS

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (“HTI”) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission’s rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ HTI is a Tribally-owned rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving the Hopi Tribe in rural areas of Arizona, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

HTI proposes to build out broadband to approximately 125 unserved premises within the regulated service territory.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 8 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over DSL and WiMax technology.

Funding

HTI requests \$95,000 in funding from the Connect America Fund in a one-time payment.

HTI expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within 24-30 months after construction starts.

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

HTI appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely, 

Carroll Onsaie, President/GM